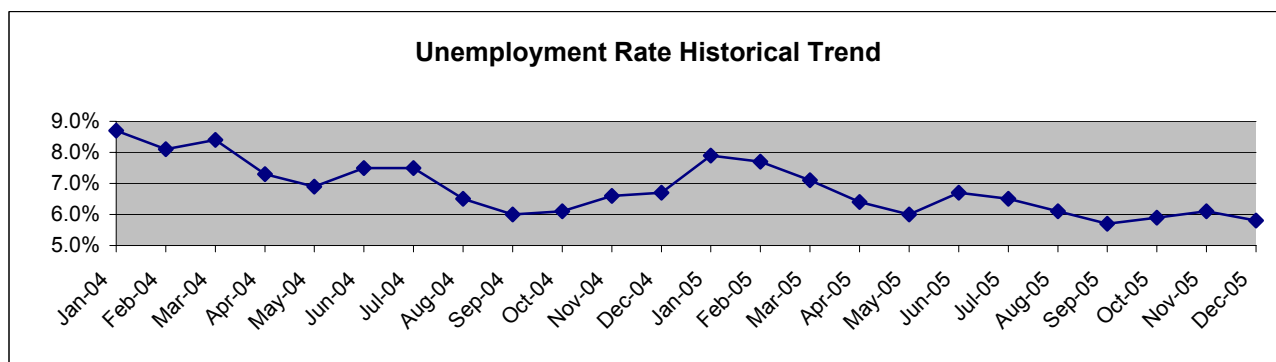


IMMEDIATE RELEASE
 CHICO METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Butte County)

The unemployment rate in Butte County was 5.8 percent in December 2005, down from a revised 6.1 percent in November 2005, and below the year-ago estimate of 6.7 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 4.8 percent for California and 4.6 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Nov-2005	Dec-2005	Change		Dec-2004	Dec-2005	Change
Total Jobs	77,000	76,300	(700)		75,000	76,300	1,300
Farm Jobs	2,800	2,400	(400)		2,300	2,400	100
Nonfarm Jobs	74,200	73,900	(300)		72,700	73,900	1,200
Natural Resources, Mining and Construction	4,000	3,900	(100)		3,800	3,900	100
Manufacturing	4,000	3,800	(200)		3,800	3,800	0
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	14,700	14,800	100		14,300	14,800	500
Information	1,500	1,500	0		1,400	1,500	100
Financial Activities	4,300	4,300	0		4,200	4,300	100
Professional and Business Services	5,700	5,600	(100)		5,600	5,600	0
Educational and Health Services	12,700	12,700	0		12,700	12,700	0
Leisure and Hospitality	6,900	6,900	0		6,700	6,900	200
Other Services	4,200	4,200	0		4,000	4,200	200
Government	16,200	16,200	0		16,200	16,200	0

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality

Data may not add due to rounding

Additional data are available on-line at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

Data Not Adjusted for Seasonality

	Dec 04	Oct 05	Nov 05 Revised	Dec 05 Prelim.	Percent Change Month Year	
Civilian Labor Force (1)	98,800	101,300	101,000	100,700	-0.3%	1.9%
Civilian Employment	92,200	95,300	94,800	94,900	0.1%	2.9%
Civilian Unemployment	6,600	5,900	6,200	5,900	-4.8%	-10.6%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	6.7%	5.9%	6.1%	5.8%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.7%	5.0%	5.1%	4.8%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.1%	4.6%	4.8%	4.6%		

Total, All Industries (2)	75,000	76,900	77,000	76,300	-0.9%	1.7%
Total Farm	2,300	3,300	2,800	2,400	-14.3%	4.3%
Total Nonfarm	72,700	73,600	74,200	73,900	-0.4%	1.7%
Total Private	56,500	57,900	58,000	57,700	-0.5%	2.1%
Goods Producing	7,600	8,200	8,000	7,700	-3.8%	1.3%
Natural Resources, Mining and Construction	3,800	4,100	4,000	3,900	-2.5%	2.6%
Manufacturing	3,800	4,100	4,000	3,800	-5.0%	0.0%
Durable Goods	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,200	0.0%	0.0%
Machinery Manufacturing	500	500	500	500	0.0%	0.0%
Residual-Miscellaneous Manufacturing	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	0.0%
Nondurable Goods	1,600	1,900	1,800	1,600	-11.1%	0.0%
Food Man & Beverage & Tobacco	1,000	1,300	1,200	1,000	-16.7%	0.0%
ResidualTextile Mills	600	600	600	600	0.0%	0.0%
Service Providing	65,100	65,400	66,200	66,200	0.0%	1.7%
Private Service Producing	48,900	49,700	50,000	50,000	0.0%	2.2%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	14,300	14,400	14,700	14,800	0.7%	3.5%
Wholesale Trade	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	0.0%	0.0%
Retail Trade	10,600	10,700	11,000	11,100	0.9%	4.7%
Food and Beverage Stores	2,100	2,200	2,300	2,300	0.0%	9.5%
General Merchandise Stores	2,000	2,000	2,100	2,200	4.8%	10.0%
Residual-Miscellaneous Store Retailers	6,500	6,500	6,600	6,600	0.0%	1.5%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	1,900	1,900	1,900	1,900	0.0%	0.0%
Information	1,400	1,500	1,500	1,500	0.0%	7.1%
Financial Activities	4,200	4,200	4,300	4,300	0.0%	2.4%
Finance and Insurance	2,500	2,500	2,600	2,600	0.0%	4.0%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,700	0.0%	0.0%
Professional and Business Services	5,600	5,700	5,700	5,600	-1.8%	0.0%
Educational and Health Services	12,700	12,700	12,700	12,700	0.0%	0.0%
Educational Services	500	600	600	600	0.0%	20.0%
Health Care & Social Assistance	12,200	12,100	12,100	12,100	0.0%	-0.8%
Leisure and Hospitality	6,700	7,000	6,900	6,900	0.0%	3.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	5,700	5,900	5,800	5,800	0.0%	1.8%
Residual-Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	1,000	1,100	1,100	1,100	0.0%	10.0%
Other Services	4,000	4,200	4,200	4,200	0.0%	5.0%
Government	16,200	15,700	16,200	16,200	0.0%	0.0%
Federal Government	500	600	600	600	0.0%	20.0%
State and Local Government	15,700	15,100	15,600	15,600	0.0%	-0.6%
State Government	3,700	3,800	3,800	3,700	-2.6%	0.0%
State Government Education	2,900	3,000	3,000	2,900	-3.3%	0.0%
Other State Government	800	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
Local Government	12,000	11,300	11,800	11,900	0.8%	-0.8%

Note 1: Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

Note 2: Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

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